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**BOX: PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Takahiko ISHIGURO, Juichi SAITOH and Tetsuya ISHIZUKA  
**METHOD OF ASSAY OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID**  
Our Reference: Q54969

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the specification, claims and sixteen (16) sheets of drawings. The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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